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Palmdale Woman Sentenced for Domestic Violence Killing of Live-In Boyfriend

A 48-year-old woman was sentenced today to 40 years to life in state prison for shooting her boyfriend to death at the Palmdale home they shared, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Ryan Williams said Angelique Detrice Spurlock was found guilty on March 2 of one count of second-degree murder in case MA066900.

The jury also found true an allegation that she used a handgun.

On Sept. 4, 2015, the defendant and her boyfriend, James McQuater, 40, were both inside their house when Spurlock produced a handgun and fired a shot which missed the victim, according to court testimony. McQuater ran to the backyard but the defendant followed him and shot him in the chest, the prosecutor said.

The victim managed to then run across the street but died as he attempted to get help, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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